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Description
The selected items in this folder cover the years 1912-1930 and consist primarily of letters to Mina Miller Edison from her stepson Thomas A. Edison, Jr., and his wife Beatrice Heyzer Edison. The correspondence contains numerous references to the work, health, and travel of Thomas Edison, as well as to his parental role and his troubled relationship with his son. Some of the letters pertain to Edison Jr.'s work on household electric appliances during the late 1920s in a studio in Orange, New Jersey, near his father's laboratory. There are also several letters by Beatrice regarding her husband's illness and hospital stay during the summer of 1922.

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Title
[F5D02A], Letter from Thomas Alva Edison, Jr., Beatrice Heyzer (Mrs Thomas A. Jr) Edison to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, January 30th, 1912

Author

- Edison, Thomas Alva, Jr
- Edison, Beatrice Heyzer (Mrs Thomas A. Jr)

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Date
1912-01-30

Type
Letter

Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- Property
- Health and medicine

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Rosie: as the storm has broken down our telephone wires. I write you regarding the health of Tom. The visit of Dr. Dercum, did wonders, he was sweet and kind as usual, and left his prescriptions, which have resulted in Hubbys convalescence. He is doing very nicely indeed. and now able to take solid food regularly. together with milk. and broths. Dean Thomas said his head would not permit of the noise the putting in of a new Boiler would make. So two men came out and patched our old furnace temporary so it would last until the worst of this cold spell was over. It seems to be alright as we manage to keep a big fire in it in safety - Dear I thank you many many times for your kind visit here and your many sweet suggestions which I'll assure you were loyally carried out. Neither Lutty or myself are narrow minded always open to conviction appreciating at all times the wisdom of those superior to us in thought

and skill - I hope you all are well, and when a little time is open to you, won't you try share it with us.! Thomas sends much love and says a few days more will enable him to write you Give our love to the dear ones, with a large portion to your dear self, we are

Devotedly.
Thomas & Beatrice.

Beatrice:
January. thirtieth, 1912.
: Tuesday:

Attribution

[F5D02B], Letter from Thomas Alva Edison, Jr., Beatrice Heyzer (Mrs Thomas A. Jr) Edison to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, October 21st, 1912

Title
[F5D02B], Letter from Thomas Alva Edison, Jr., Beatrice Heyzer (Mrs Thomas A. Jr) Edison to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, October 21st, 1912

Author

- Edison, Thomas Alva, Jr
- Edison, Beatrice Heyzer (Mrs Thomas A. Jr)

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned
Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

Date
1912-10-21

Type
Letter

Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- Deaths and funerals

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the Lord. safety of mind, that the dear Grandmothers face will live in my memory, always, The luxury of Her Love, Her Divinity. Her nobility of Character, Her Sacredness of Mother Love, Her Idolity of the Truth of God and Man, she has most unselfishly left behind to be scattered broadcast amongst us pitiful mourners. that we might be strengthened to walk with conscience clear in this Sacred Path, so that when our end comes we can Reverently receive Her Blessings at the Gate of Heaven: Extend to all the afflicted family

Tom B

At Home.

Drain my grief in silence is a burden on pinning me and I write to let you all know what a sufferer I have been made through the sad sudden loss of the dear darling mother and Grand-mother. My loyal devotion to the "now" mother. Angel has been steadfast since our first meeting and I have never failed to offer a prayer in behalf of the dear ones health and long life. Now that she has gone and left us. I must ask all the sympathy that my shattered broken heart can offer and that my mind and body is sharing with you, this weight of woe, God, in thy Wisdom, has seen fit to bear down upon us. Here on bending knees, do I join in prayer with the family and minister, and ask in Gods name to keep our dear Angel resting in Peace, alleviated from all sufferings. and her smiles kept in preservation: Amen.:

All our Love and devotion,
we are yours, in tears and grief
Thomas and Beatrice:

Beatrice =

Burlington. New Jersey.
October-twenty first-1912.

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[F5D02C], Letter from Thomas Alva Edison, Jr. to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, December 18th, 1912

Title
[F5D02C], Letter from Thomas Alva Edison, Jr. to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, December 18th, 1912

Author
Edison, Thomas Alva, Jr

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Miller, Grace A
- Edison, Beatrice Heyzer (Mrs Thomas A. Jr)

Date
1912-12-18

Type
Letter

Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- Social customs, norms, values

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Burlington - N. J.
December - 18th 1912

My dear Mother -

Your very sweet and kind invitation to spend Christmas Day with you all - will be accepted with a great deal of pleasure -

After the many years that has elapsed since my last Christmas at home - you cannot imagine the great joy your invitation has given me - In this - Beatrice shares my enthusiasm - and we are anxious for the Day -

Give my love to Aunt Grace whom I was overjoyed to see again - With loads of love to your dear self and a goodnight kiss - as ever

Affectionately your son
Tom

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Title
[F5D02D], Letter from Thomas Alva Edison, Jr. to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, January 5th, 1913

Author
Edison, Thomas Alva, Jr

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Edison, Beatrice Heyzer (Mrs Thomas A. Jr)
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Date
1913-01-05

Type
Letter

Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- TAE health
- Social customs, norms, values
- Health and medicine

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Burlington-N.J.
January-5th-1913

My dear Mother-

Better late than never- to thank you for the glorious Christmas Day we had with you all- Everyone seemed to be so very sweet and kind to Beatrice and I- that it was very hard for us to bid you good-bye- The Day was one we shall not soon forget- and Beatrice and I will talk about it for a long time to come- . Our own little gathering on the following day was also a great success- everyone seemed to enjoy themselves to their heart's content- the moving pictures were perfect- and we had one glorious evening-

I hope mother the New Year will bring you a great deal of happiness and that you will have all kinds of good luck -

Beatrice and I enjoyed your letter very much - and sincerely hope by this time Father's cold is greatly improved - I am just getting over a bad cold myself - and I dont know of anything that makes you feel so very miserable as a cold -

Well mother - will close for this time - With a goodnight kiss and lots of Love - as ever

Affectionately your son
Tom -

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[F5D02E], Letter from Thomas Alva Edison, Jr. to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, September 13th, 1913

Title
[F5D02E], Letter from Thomas Alva Edison, Jr. to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, September 13th, 1913

Author
Edison, Thomas Alva, Jr

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned
Edison, Thomas Alva

Date
1913-09-13

Type
Letter

Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- TAE health
- TAE personality and character
- Health and medicine

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Burlington - N. J.
Sept - 13th - 1913

Dear Mother -,

Time has just flown and I have fairly hung on to its wings without a moment wasted - still dear Mother I have never slighted you in Thoughts and I will never cease loving you - Just now I am a trifle worried over Father's health and write you to learn just how he is doing - I have not written him of late Mother - because I know how necessary it is not to tax him with unimportant mail - when so much of his time is given to the World at large -

However I certainly would appreciate a line from you Mother - telling me about your own health as well as that of Father's.

Hoping this little note finds you all in the midst of smiles. and all going well - I am as ever - Your devoted

Tom

Beatrice sends best love

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[F5D02f], Letter from Thomas Alva Edison, Jr. to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, March 15th, 1914

Title
[F5D02f], Letter from Thomas Alva Edison, Jr. to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, March 15th, 1914

Author
Edison, Thomas Alva, Jr

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Edison, Beatrice Heyzer (Mrs Thomas A. Jr)
- Burroughs, John
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Date
1914-03-15

Type
Letter

Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- TAE health
- Health and medicine

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Burlington - N. J.
March - 15th 1914

My dear Mother -

Your kind and thoughtful postal reached us in safety - but imprisoned in banks of snow - It was almost weird looking at the Postcard of your beautiful Florida home surrounded by the warmth of the greens and blossoms - and here within 24 hours reach nothing but snow and ice - Mother dear you and Father did not leave the North any too soon as the weather has been truly inhuman and the only cheerful thing about it was the knowledge that you all escaped it - Im sure Father would have suffered had he stayed in Orange - I was so glad to read of the good time you all are having - Mr Burroughs is surely great - Beatrice and I wanted to see you off from West Philadelphia but the time from that Station was so limited we left Flowers in the Trainmaster's care which we thought would tell our message - Knowing the haste of these Florida Specials I was wondering if these Flowers ever reached you - You will

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pardon me Mother for mentioning this trivial token - its not for their value - but we wanted you and Father to hear from us and so bought the Flowers to act in our absence at train -

When are you planning to return? I am sure Llewellyn Park must look sad and dreary without your coming and going -

My head is much better today but the Winters are always severe on my health - This morning a group of Spring birds played about our bedroom window so now I feel confident the Winter has passed - Write me dear Mother - I more than appreciate the time you give me - We are still enjoying the delicious grape-fruit.

Give my love to your dear household including the guests - All my usual devotion to your dear self and Father whom I only trust will return in vigorous health - Beatrice joins in all kinds of loving greetings - Try and write me soon -

Your affectionate Son

Tom

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[F5D02g], Letter from Thomas Alva Edison, Jr. to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, December 17th, 1914

Title
[F5D02g], Letter from Thomas Alva Edison, Jr. to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, December 17th, 1914

Author
Edison, Thomas Alva, Jr

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Edison Phonograph Works
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Date
1914-12-17

Type
Letter

Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- Accidents, fires, explosions

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Mr Tom's letter

Burlington - N. J.
December - 17th - 1914

My dear Mother -

I cannot find words that would express my great admiration for your wonderful courage - I simply cannot get over how beautifully you and Father have taken this great calamity that is such a sad loss to us all - I use the word beautiful, because everything about you both - your spirit - your courage your example is beautiful to me -

If the world and its people do not profit by the example you have set - it is because they are cold - unappreciative and lack sentiment in every form -

I hope from the bottom of my heart that good health will favor you both - If there is anything in the world I can do for you - please command me -

With love and kisses to you both - Believe me

Your affectionate son
Tom

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[F5D02h], Letter from Thomas Alva Edison, Jr. to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, March 10th, 1915

Title
[F5D02h], Letter from Thomas Alva Edison, Jr. to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, March 10th, 1915

Author
Edison, Thomas Alva, Jr

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Edison Phonograph Works
- Edison, Beatrice Heyzer (Mrs Thomas A. Jr)

Date
1915-03-10

Type
Letter

Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- Accidents, fires, explosions

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Burlington - N. J.
March 10th - 15

Dear Mother -

Your generous gift of picture frames reached us safely and in good condition - It was extremely kind of you Mother to think of us in this manner as no one in the World could use presents of this sort more than myself - Of late most of my spare time in the evening has been devoted to Painting - one canvas I had all but finished when the frames arrived - One of my pictures just fit to perfection in the long gilt frame - and the beautiful large frame will have a canvas just as quickly as my brushes will paint - You have no idea of our enthusiasm over them and both Beatrice and myself thank you in a million different ways - This

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morning I read of another break out of fire up at the Factory— please do write me - Was it serious or did the papers exaggerate? Please let us hear from you and wont you try and come down? Again thanking you for your faithful thoughts of us in which Beatrice joins - I close hoping you will find time to drop me a little note With much love and kisses ever your devoted son

Tom

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Title
[F5D02I], Letter from Thomas Alva Edison, Jr., Beatrice Heyzer (Mrs Thomas A. Jr) Edison to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, November 28th, 1918

Author

- Edison, Thomas Alva, Jr
- Edison, Beatrice Heyzer (Mrs Thomas A. Jr)

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Date
1918-11-28

Type
Letter

Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- World War I
- Social customs, norms, values

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"THE BARRACKS"
BURLINGTON, N.J.

Dear Mother - Not, one Hurt from Life's Tragedies have we suffered, nor a Shadow of Gloom from the Harrowing World Battle, we, again meet in the Holiness of Thanksgiving when Love and Thought reflect our Faith - In the passing of Time, Dearie, we are ever beside you and while our Voices seem silent, the Echo of our Sincerity flows from our Hearts - Let us Unite with you many Loved ones in the Song of All "Glory" to you and the Benediction of a Holy Thanksgiving

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With Love and affection from
Tom and Beatrice

= November twenty-eighth =

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[F5D02J], Letter from Thomas Alva Edison, Jr. to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, January 23rd, 1919

Title
[F5D02J], Letter from Thomas Alva Edison, Jr. to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, January 23rd, 1919

Author
Edison, Thomas Alva, Jr

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Date
1919-01-23

Type
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Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- World War I
- Health and medicine

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Orange - N. J.
January - 23rd - 1919

Dear Mother -

It was mighty sweet of you to write me after so long a silence - I cannot tell you how much I enjoyed your letter and to think I still occupy a place in your thoughts -

The war was certainly a greater tragedy than will ever be known and we who were spared from its weapons have much to be thankful for - I keep fairly well - sorry I cannot say my headaches have left me - as ocassionally I go through great sufferings -

I am glad you keep well which is a great Blessing as so many of us look to you and most of us lean on you and you never complain -

This tiny apartment we took for the winter is certainly a comfort to me for its warmth with the strain of caring for the furnace lifted at least for a while - I wish you would come see us - But I suppose this is almost a prohibitive hope as so many things occupy your every second - however I will not despair as patience eventually wins out - Give my love to Father and all other members of the family - with much love to your dear self - I am always -

very affectionately —
Tom

92 Berwyn St.

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Title
[F5D02K], Letter from Thomas Alva Edison, Jr., Beatrice Heyzer (Mrs Thomas A. Jr) Edison to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, July 30th, 1922

Author

- Edison, Thomas Alva, Jr
- Edison, Beatrice Heyzer (Mrs Thomas A. Jr)

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Miller, John Vincent
- Tilney, Frederick
- Miller, Florence Nichols (Mrs John V.)

Date
1922-07-30

Type
Letter

Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- Health and medicine

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THE PLAZA
NEW YORK

Not knowing your exact plans for today Louie I think I had better send my daily Bulletin as usual as you may be too tired for further exertion — Of course Louie we are anxious about [illegible] Johns wife and her expected visit but take for granted no

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news is good news - under-standing the publicity of Hospitals I felt timid in Calling up to learn particulars. I tell you all this because to let you know where our Hearts and Thoughts have been today - now about our Boy - we had a Christmas morning - the dear Boy developed a Severe Earache

and not risking any speculation I called Dr. Riley who came within a short time and found a vast amount of hardened wax was the culprit making the trouble - Tonight we are much more comfortable after many hot irrigations - Feeling positive a pat of attention is prodigiously due you Dearie. We enclose our usual Good night Kisses and make you uppermost in

our Prayers and postpone our little chat until you feel more refreshed - Devotedly
Tom and Beatrice

7 45 P.M.
July thirtieth . 1922

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Title
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Author

- Edison, Thomas Alva, Jr
- Edison, Beatrice Heyzer (Mrs Thomas A. Jr)

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Miller, Stuart Alexander
- Miller, Florence Nichols (Mrs John V.)

Date
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- Edison-Miller family
- Health and medicine

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THE PLAZA
NEW YORK

The Days go, varying in their measures, yet ever full - The Boy has had a splendid Monday all the way through mingled with many laughs referring to the dear childs makeup - We were thinking of you all day & [illegible] talked of you with so much pride

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to Dr Tilney who spent much time with us this evening enjoying condition of the Boy over a small cup of Coffee and inter-mingling his visit with your Dearie. through the lovable intimate interpretation of Sims - Dr Riley "who was also present" such dubs Eulogy of your Dear would bring tears of affection to any mans Eyes - that is certainly

our Spoiled child. Dr Tilney was quite upset over the action that tried to alarm us in his Ear. and Dr Tilney insists on keeping up the irrigations for several days to come - Hub and I were very glad of the Glorious tidings of the safe arrival of our new little Soul and I pray both Mother and Baby will suffer no ill effects from the long anxious Birth - Will mail this Dearie

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before it grows later so will impress our Good night Kiss with our Steadfast Love. Devotedly Loving Beatrice

9 40 P.M. July thirty first. 22.

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Title
[F5D02M], Letter from Beatrice Heyzer (Mrs Thomas A. Jr) Edison, Thomas Alva Edison, Jr. to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, August 6th, 1922

Author

- Edison, Thomas Alva, Jr
- Edison, Beatrice Heyzer (Mrs Thomas A. Jr)

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Weeks, John Elmer
- Edison, William Leslie
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Date
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Type
Letter

Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- TAE health
- Health and medicine

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THE PLAZA
NEW YORK

Tried even through the Telephone manager to reach you to day Dearie, but to no avail as each time the report was Busy Line. Nothing new developed dear, the Dizziness clearing up gradually and no Headache - Dr. Sidney will look the Boy over tomorrow, and learn also what the Oculist had to say - the

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have made two trips to the Eye Specialist a Dr. John E. Weeks of 46 = East = 57th Street who found the trouble in the muscles of the Eyes but no Disease — the Boys Eyes Vision is so disturbed at present its almost impossible for the poor Child to walk. So Nellie came over, to day took him in the Park for the latter part of the day — the Dear Child Sways so much it was easier for Nellie to

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handle him - We have had this con-dition now since the 30th Jany Something entirely new to Dr Riley and Dr Delmey So I gave them a history of its {the dizziness} duration alarming nature so they registered it under Circulatory disturbances which would clear up by itself all of which I am long familiar with — I hope you all are well and Mr Edwin

entirely recovered - Wish me every night
Good night of prayer coming your
health my peace of mind and all
my love and kisses always your very own
Thomas Bratner -

Sunday August 6th 1922 -

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Title
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Author

- Edison, Thomas Alva, Jr
- Edison, Beatrice Heyzer (Mrs Thomas A. Jr)

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned
Miller, Grace A

Date
1922-08-10

Type
Letter

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- Edison-Miller family
- Health and medicine

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THE PLAZA
NEW YORK

Just put my Child to Bed
He has had quite some diz-
ziness today but is absolutely free from pain. Dr
Tilney says its a circulatory
condition and not spinal.
Poor dear Boy feels badly
over his staggering and can't
go out alone. I'm in exactly
the same position as you left

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me actually glued to the
Bay Side – Hope you had a
delightful Visit with Aunt
Grace and a pleasant journey
to Orange – All my Love and
the same Good night Prayers
from your Devoted Tom and Beatrice

August = tenth = 1922
8^{45} PM –

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Author
Edison, Thomas Alva, Jr

Recipient
Edison, Thomas Alva

Date
1923-03-03

Type
Letter

Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- TAE health
- Travel (TAE and family)

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THOMAS A. EDISON, JUNIOR
ORANGE, NEW JERSEY

My dear Father -

I can't tell you how sorry and grieved I am to think anything cruel should cause you pain or discomfort of any nature - I may not do a lot of talking - But I suffer whenever you suffer and I am trusting faithfully your trip into the beautiful Southern climate will invigorate your entire Body and you will return Home your own Spirited self - With all my love and a safe journey - always

Your devoted son

Tom

Attribution

[F5D02N2], Letter from Thomas Alva Edison, Jr. to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, March 3rd, 1923

Title
[F5D02N2], Letter from Thomas Alva Edison, Jr. to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, March 3rd, 1923

Editor's Notes
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Author
Edison, Thomas Alva, Jr

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Edison, Madeleine
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Date
1923-03-03

Type
Letter

Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- TAE health
- Travel (TAE and family)

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THOMAS A. EDISON, JUNIOR
ORANGE, NEW JERSEY

My darling Mother -

Knowing your many cares and anxieties - I tried not to disturb you - But my heart was in Glenmont and I have grieved beyond words over Father's illness and your responsibilities - I am very happy to learn of your trip South as I know only too well what it will mean to both your dear self and Father - and I am thankful you are both spared to make the trip together - I trust the little vacation will refresh you Mother dear and bring you back to us all in new health - Please give Madeleine our Congratulations -

With all my love - I am ever

Your devoted Son
Tom

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Title
[F5D02O], Letter from Thomas Alva Edison, Jr. to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, March 25th, 1923

Author
Edison, Thomas Alva, Jr

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Edison, Madeleine
- Edison, Beatrice Heyzer (Mrs Thomas A. Jr)
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Date
1923-03-25

Type
Letter

Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- TAE health
- Health and medicine

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THOMAS A. EDISON, JUNIOR
ORANGE, NEW JERSEY

March - 25th - 1923

My darling Mother -

We surely enjoyed your letter and appreciated it more - knowing how every hour of your time belongs to everybody but your dear self - The past four or five days have been much more livable as the weather all through this month has been treacherous -

I can't tell you how happy I am to think your dear self and Father are protected in Sunshine and Flowers and I only wish I had the Power to keep you both wrapped in just such atmosphere all through your lives -

I haven't felt any too strong throughout the winter but I am hoping the warmth of Spring will give me the tonic I apparently need - I probably will let Dr Tilney look me over at his office one day this week - I am glad Father improved so nicely and I am sure with your care he is gaining every day -

It was sweet of you to let us know of Madeline's recovery as we were very anxious for some word from someone who really knew -

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If you have another opportunity mother drop me a line for I always love to hear from you -

Beatrice joins in endless love and with my same devotion.

Affectionately

Tom

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Editor's Notes
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Author
Edison, Thomas Alva, Jr

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned
Edison, Thomas Alva

Date
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Type
Letter

Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- TAE personality and character
- Health and medicine

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#18 North Center St.
Orange-
N. J.

My dear Mother -

I have been wondering if you have forgotten - some one who loves you dearly and who is Tucked away in a little room on rather Studio down here in Orange - I have been patiently awaiting a little visit - for I would love to see you if that pleasure is only for a moment - I have a nice little room that my devoted friend Harry and I have fixed up with what we had - in antiscipation of your expected visit - and we will try and make you as comfortable as possible -

I saw Father the day after he arrived home - at the Laboratory - His greetings were as cordial as I should expect - I suppose - But it is hard indeed for me to become reconciled to his malice towards me - How happy I am that this feeling was not an inheritance of mine - for I seem to love everyone - and could not - even though I may have reason - bear ill will towards anyone - God wills it otherwise -

Even though I would love to - I cannot - feeling as I do - run up to your happy home and see you - So I ask you please to come down and see me - Please come -

always affectionately
Tom 5-4454

Please let me know by telephone when you are coming - so I will surely be here -

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[F5D02Q], Letter from Thomas Alva Edison, Jr. to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, May 22nd, 1928

Author
Edison, Thomas Alva, Jr

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Edison, Charles
- Miller, John Vincent
- Edison, Theodore Miller
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Date
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Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- Health and medicine

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Orange- N. J.
May. 22nd- 1928

My dear Mother -

Well- here I am at last writing to you- something I have been going to do every day for months- The fact of any silence on my part does not by any means indicate that I have not thought of you mother- for it wouldn't be true- I do think of you just as often and as much as I always do- Love such as I have for you never changes- Indeed it is cruel at times I'll admit- but the privilege of having someone so dear and kind as you are mother- makes it all so much easier- Now that that is off my mind- I will try and tell you a few things that are more interesting to you- I am now in my little Studio- which room is used for about every purpose known- from drilling holes in steel to painting menu cards- Once a week or so I have occasion to run up to the Plant and often see Charles and Ted and also Uncle John- They are all working as hard as usual- but I cannot say that they look any too well- I never really had the opportunity before of knowing Ted until very recently - somehow that privilege was always denied me - But lately I have talked with him a great deal and can very truthfully say - that he is one of the finest Boys and has the finest mind of any human Being I have ever known or ever heard of - I really dont Believe any of us know him as he is - to me he is wonderful and that is all I can say - I idealize him - But I never want him to know it - I often think how very fortunate and happy you should be in having such two fine Boys ~~and~~ as Charles and Ted as sons - They are all one could wish for - it seems to me -

Well mother the weather up here has Been simply terrible - But I am willing to gamble that irregardless of the weather - you would rather be up here right now amongst the flowers and the beauty of the country - What could be more Beautiful than Spring? mother Nature seems as though she wants to show us just how nice she can look - if she really wants to dress up -

Give my love to Father - When are you coming up mother? we sure do miss you -

Keep in good health - With all my love to you both -

Affectionately
Tom -

Please excuse writing -

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[F5D02R], Letter from Beatrice Heyzer (Mrs Thomas A. Jr) Edison, Thomas Alva Edison, Jr. to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, February 21st, 1929

Title

[F5D02R], Letter from Beatrice Heyzer (Mrs Thomas A. Jr) Edison, Thomas Alva Edison, Jr. to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, February 21st, 1929

Author

- Edison, Thomas Alva, Jr
- Edison, Beatrice Heyzer (Mrs Thomas A. Jr)

Recipient

Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Edison Pioneers
- Lieb, John William
- Osborn, Jerome R
- Edison, Madeleine
- Edison, Theodore Miller
- Miller, Mary Emily
- Edison Institute
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Date

1929-02-21

Type

Letter

Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- Awards & honors/clubs & societies
- Health and medicine

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"At Home"

With your Mind and Heart full of Loving Responsibilities, like your sweet self Mother darling you stole an in between Moment to caress the Boy and I with Valentine Affection – My imparting of Knowledge so lacks in a clear portrayal of our Sentiment, I suffer a great handicap, although my Inner-self strives to give to the Pen the melting Voice of our Souls – Love invites Love, so Sweetheart your every touch has an Infinite Value: We are all well and things going along in the same uniform fashion, the Coffee still the reigning Spirit in welcoming all who enter our Castle – The lady a

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Happy Time at Fathers Luncheon, Tendered him "Father" by the Pioneers. It was sad to note the great changes in the breaking down health of so many of the dear early Co workers of Fathers; still their Enthusiasm of Loyalty was just as forceful. Mr. Lieb is quite thin and drawn looking. Madeleine and Theodore and Aunt Mary made their empty chairs look strangely lonesome. A Mr. Olson entertained with descriptive Slides of the progress of Fathers Museum now under Construction at Dearborn. it was very very interesting. Take care of yourself darling and please please dear don't take cold. God Bless you all and bring you home happy and refreshed All our Everlasting Loving Greetings in your son Tom and Beatrice

February 10th 1929

Rose from Luncheon Tables "Pioneers"

Attribution

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Title
[F5D02S], Letter from Thomas Alva Edison, Jr., Beatrice Heyzer (Mrs Thomas A. Jr) Edison to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, February 27th, 1929

Author

- Edison, Thomas Alva, Jr
- Edison, Beatrice Heyzer (Mrs Thomas A. Jr)

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned
Upton, Margaret Storm (Mrs Francis R.)

Date
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Subject

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- Health and medicine

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"At Home"

Never Never, are we, apart - Sweetheart in all my prayers. each one is whispered for you all. and I am trusting to my Lord and Faith all will be answered - Mother Darling the weather here has been quite erratic and many are suffering colds - Sunday at Church I met and spoke with Mrs. Upton and I was happy to find her "Mrs Upton" so improved in health she - was quite cheerful. We received the interesting collection of Fort Myers news and enjoyed them immensely. We thank you affectionately in sharing your interests with us - The Boy keeps extremely active

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in the Stark so dear to Spinning the new idea of Electric Loom promises success. The Boy said he will write you mother dear in a day or two as he is anxious to finish some drawings necessary to the development of the Loom - When you have a moment in which you may hide away in your own little corner drop us a post card. Oh how your family and your visits means me very all. Think me glad just knowing me as always your very own Tom G. Bradying —

February - Twenty seventh Nineteen hundred twenty five

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Author
Edison, Thomas Alva, Jr

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Edison, Charles
- Miller, John Vincent
- Edison, Theodore Miller
- Edison, Beatrice Heyzer (Mrs Thomas A. Jr)
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Date
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Type
Letter

Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- TAE health
- Health and medicine
- Miscellaneous technologies

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Orange - N. J.
March - 4th 1929

My darling mother -

Please excuse pencil and paper - I am
down here in my little shop and writing material does not
seem to be part of the picture around here - Your dear sweet
letter was received and as usual greatly appreciated - Now
that this is all over - I will attempt to correct a few of your
views regarding a very important subject. The feeling
of love is so little understood - it is constantly being abused
and cast around like it was nothing - mother you are
greatly mistaken when you say that no one cares for you -
we all love you very very dearly - it may be that our
different ways of showing it are not very impressive -
Speaking for myself - I want you to know - and never doubt
that the sincerest love I have for you - is one of the most
loyal and devoted - someday perhaps you will realize this
more than you do now - but please believe me mother
darling I love you dearly and always have - Beatrice loves
you too mother - she is always thinking of you and
constantly wondering what she can do for you to make you
happy - We naturally miss you and Father up here - you
seem to be so far away - I dont like it very much - I
wish you were here right now -

Well mother - everything seems to be going along as
usual around here - Charles has been ill as you probably
know - But is coming around alright - Poor boy I am afraid
he has too much on his shoulders - the strain is gigantic -
Ted went out West to look after some matters he is
interested in - I believe it is in connection with the Radio.
I see Uncle John every few days - he seems to be well
and busy - we had lunch together a few days ago -

For myself - I can only say - that I never was so busy -
at present am working out problems in connection with

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Household Electric appliances - such as Toasters - Grills
waffle Irons & etc - I just love the work - for you run
up against some very interesting problems -

I cannot close these few lines without speaking
of our dear little Polly - it is only a doll it is true - But
Beatrice and I love it dearly - it has become a very
important part of our family - I know it has a soul - and
if it could speak - she too would send her love to you -

I am very sorry Father has so much trouble with his
stomach - It is too bad that one who has done so muc
for the world has to suffer at all - But what can we d
if he could only shift it over to me - how gladly I would
bear it

Well mother darling please write us soon - we dearly
love your letters - and if there is anything we can do for
you up here - let us know -

With Love and Devotion to your dear sweet self and l
of love to Father -

always the same
Tom

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[F5D02U], Letter from Thomas Alva Edison, Jr. to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, June 4th, 1929

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Author
Edison, Thomas Alva, Jr

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- West Orange Laboratory
- Edison, Madeleine
- Edison, Edith Clarissa
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Date
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Subject

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- Travel (TAE and family)
- Health and medicine

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June - 9th 2,

My dear Mother -

It was mighty sweet of you to call me up the other day - with all the many other things you had on your mind - it was indeed a very great pleasure to me to feel that you thought of me at all - When Cousin Edith called me up and said that you had been down to the laboratory and tried to get in touch with me - I was speechless - I simply cannot quite understand why someone couldn't locate me - I must have been around somewhere - although the plant Saturday afternoon looks like a deserted village - However mother - you will soon be home amongst us all again - and I for one will dearly love to see you - I felt a little sorry that no one mentioned of Madeleine's illness - The first I heard of it was through the press - and I certainly was surprised - for I didn't know that she was even sick - However through Cousin Edith and various other sources - I am kept very well informed and am very happy to learn that she is getting along so well -

I want to thank you most sincerely mother for your many kind thoughts of us this winter - we enjoyed the fruit and everything you sent us - very greatly -

I expect this little note will reach you - right in the middle of your packing - getting ready to come home to us all - where you belong - I always dread having you and Father so far away - will say good-bye - just for a little while - With love and kisses to you and dear Father -

Devotedly

Tom

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[F5D02V], Letter from Thomas Alva Edison, Jr. to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, November 8th, 1929

Title

[F5D02V], Letter from Thomas Alva Edison, Jr. to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, November 8th, 1929

Author

Edison, Thomas Alva, Jr

Recipient

Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Edison, Beatrice Heyzer (Mrs Thomas A. Jr)
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Date

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- Edison-Miller family
- TAE health
- Travel (TAE and family)

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: Family Tom

Nov-8-1929

My dear Mother—

Just a few lines to let you know that I am thinking of you - as a matter of fact I think of you and Father a great deal more than you will ever know - for I love you both very dearly - Someday perhaps God will grant me the power to show that I do - But at present it really seems so far away - it makes me very sad at times - No matter how many times I wanted to run up to Glenmont to talk with you - something tells me - that perhaps I had better not - for fear that my presence might bring up some unhappy thought - and this is the very last thing in the world I want to do - so mother I suffer in silence and remain away - In your very kind and sweet letter to Beatrice - you mentioned that you are going South on Dec-5th - Well mother dear - I dont know just how Christmas Day will be without you to all the others - But as to myself - I can only say that the Day will only be a blank one - It really will mean nothing to me without you - You are the life of the Party -

However Fathers health comes first always - and as long as he is well and happy - it is selfish to think of ourselves and our pleasures - Love indeed is a beautiful thing - and how easy

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It is to make a sacrifice - when love is so deep. 2

Am keeping very busy these days working out problems in connection with Toasters - Irons and a number of other devices they have assigned to me - When you are down in Orange - run in to see me at my little shop - I would love to have you - if it is only for a minute -

With love to you both and a goodnight kiss

Devotedly

Tom

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Orange - N. J.
April - 20th - 1930

My dear Mother -

Today is Easterday and I feel I couldn't find a better day in all the year to write you - Your letter of a few days ago was received and as usual more than enjoyed - also the candy which was all you said it was - On top of all this came your sweet telegram of Easter greetings this morning - You never will know Mother how deeply Beatrice and I appreciate your kind and dear thoughts of us - and I want to assure you that it is a great big comfort to us both -

Beatrice it seems is kept on the jump taking care of those who are ill - Her sister Pansy has been seriously ill for the past three months and everyday she goes over to New York to take care of her - Every night she is out in the kitchen until midnight making broths and whatnot to distribute around to her various charges - Early in the morning she is loaded down with about everything you can think of - ready to go and do her share - However I feel mother that she is trying to do too much - for she looks very tired - and I am worried about her - Of Course she never complains - and this makes it worse -

You dont know how glad we all will be to have you back home again - It seems like ages since you went away. Everything looks very beautiful up here now - The buds and flowers and the songs of the birds - what a wonderful world this all is anyway.

You ask in your letter how business is mother - I am very sorry to say that I am not in a position to know just how it is at the Plant - But there is a general depression in almost all lines of business at the present time and I suppose it affects us as it does others - I see Charles and Ted most everday and the more I see them and know them the harder it is for me to realize my position - I want to help them - and I know I could in many ways - but my position as an outsider causes me to feel that I shouldn't intrude - and I do not - I try to do the work assigned to me and usually am kept quite busy - at the present time am working on a Commercial Toaster - and am getting along very well so far -

Give my love to Father - and please keep a great deal yourself -

Devotedly

Tom 5-4457